



THE BIRCH BARK BLAST

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THE ALUMNI & COMMUNITY NEWSLETTER

Birch Rock Newsmaker:

CHRIS CARNEY '67-'74

By Rich Deering,
Alumni Director



Chris Carney '67-'74 & Wife Karen

Chris Carney arrived at BRC in 1967 at the tender age of 11. After five camper years followed by three counseling seasons while attending the Holderness School in NH, Chris never stopped giving back to Birch Rock. He served as one of the camp's

first trustees in the 1980s after graduating from Cornell University. He became a father of two daughters, Liz and Annie who attended Camp Runoia for girls in Belgrade Lakes, ME while embarking on a successful career in hospitality management and financial investment in Boston, MA.

Two years ago, Chris followed his dream to return to Maine with his bride Karen, retire from the corporate world and begin a whole new adventure of community service in the spirit of Birch Rock's motto: *Help the Other Fellow*. Chris became a ski patroller, EMT and volunteer at Sunday River while serving his beloved Holderness School as president of its Alumni Association since 2007. He utilizes his camping skills annually leading a ten day winter backpacking trip for juniors in the White Mountains. Last year, he was duly honored with the school's 2010 prestigious Alumni Service Award.

Chris credits his guiding principles and core values from his Birch Rock experiences: *Look others in the eye and have a firm handshake. Help the Other Fellow. I remember Chief saying the sign of a good counselor is someone who sees something that needs to be done and does it, whether it is his job or not. Advice I still live by.*

Dedicated, faithful, loyal to the core values of our camp community and the traditions of perpetuating faithful fellowship and opportunities for others, Chris Carney continues to represent Birch Rock Camp for boys to others.

Chris' message to us all: *Birch Rock is a very special place. The experiences you have, skills you develop, and friends you make will last a lifetime. Stay in touch and come back often.*



Happy 85th Birthday: Birch Rock Camp!

August 20, 2011



Remember your Duck, Loon, Seal or Whale? The first time you played Cross Camp Capture-the-Flag? How about Saturday Night Campfire? Your camping trip in the Maine woods? Or trying archery, campcraft and/or canoeing for the very first time? Your favorite counselors and camp friends?.....We hope you remember and value those yesteryears and times on Lake McWain and we look forward to hearing and sharing more with YOU and your family!

ON August 20, 2011 - We are excited to celebrate Birch Rock's 85th Anniversary. In addition to this historic milestone, we are pleased to open up our annual BRC FAMILY CAMP program to prospective families, alumni and friends from August 19 to 23. So come join us.....for our 85th Celebration Day and/or the Family Camp extended weekend. You'll be glad that you did! For more information about our 85th Anniversary and Family Camp, please visit us at www.birchrock.org or (207) 741-2930.



Family Campers 2010

There are a number of exciting programs this 2011 Season at Birch Rock. What program lengths might work for your son and his friends? We appreciate your support in being our Birch Rock Camp Ambassador

BOYS CAMP



Our residential boys' camp program encourages cooperation, confidence and a willingness to try new things. We challenge campers to take responsibility for their own lives and help them appreciate the needs of others in emphasizing our camp motto: **HELP THE OTHER FELLOW.**

The 2010 Boys' Camp offerings are as follows:

Full Season	June 26 – August 13	48 days
First Session	June 26 – July 23	27 days
Cubs Camp I	June 26 – July 9	13 days
Cubs Camp II	July 10 – July 23	13 days
Second Session	July 24 – August 13	20 days
MWA	July 24 – August 13	20 days

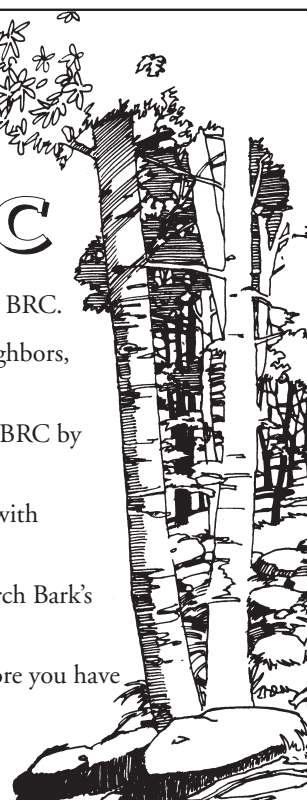
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Maine Wilderness Adventurers 2010

It's Easy to Help BRC

- Send a tax-deductible donation to BRC.
- Promote BRC among friends, neighbors, family and colleagues.
- Refer a prospective camper to the BRC by phone or email.
- Host a gathering of BRC alumni with Directors Deering and Mattson.
- Send us news to include in the Birch Bark's Alumni News column.
- Ask us about our "Wish List" before you have your spring yard sales.



Upcoming Alumni & Camper Events

January 29 – Skiing @ Sugarloaf USA, Carrabassett, ME

March 5 – The Aquarium – 10- 12 noon
Boston, MA

March 20 – Camp Fair @ Casco Bay School – 1-4pm
Portland, ME

Aug 20 – 85th Anniversary @ Birch Rock Camp
Waterford, ME

*For more information on these programs, please visit our website:
www.birchrock.org or contact the winter office @ (207) 741-2930*

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